

To the Chairman and Members of the
St. Just Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Report for the year
ending December 31st 1939.

Section A. - Statistics and Social Conditions of
the Area.

Area: 7,761 acres.

Registrar-General's estimate of Resident Population : 4,130

Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1939): 1,414

Rateable Value and sum represented by a penny rate:
£9,330. 636. 16s. 9d.

The chief industry of the area is Tin Mining and to a less
extent Agriculture. Unemployment is gradually decreasing and is
now almost entirely confined to the oldermen.

Live Births:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	59	35	24
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Still Births:

Legitimate and)			
Illegitimate)	5	4	1

Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated Resident Population: 14.5
Still Birth Rate per 100 total (live and still) births: 77.0

Deaths: Total 67; Males 33; Females 34.

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated Resident Population: 16.2.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes: Puerperal Sepsis - none
Other Puerperal Causes - none.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1000 live births: 50.0
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births: 50.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate
live births: Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - 8
" " Measles " - Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) - 1
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs) Nil

Section B. - General Provision of Health Services
for the Area.

There has been no change in Laboratory facilities, Nursing in
the Home, Hospitals, Treatment Centres and Clinics during the year.
Ambulance Facilities: There is one Ambulance (stationed at
the Geevor Mine) available for the area.

Section C. - Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. (i) WATER.

St. Just: The piped supply at St. Just was sufficient in quantity for the year. The bacteriological examinations were satisfactory.

Penzance: Last supply was examined during the year when the bacteriological result was unsatisfactory. In my opinion this can be remedied by carrying the intake pipe another 100 yards or so into the source.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During 1939 a grant was sanctioned by the Ministry of Health to provide a new sewer for Trevellard. The work was taken in hand but was not completed by the 31st December.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. The brooks at Bojowyan and Tregeese were again cleared during the year.

(iii) SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

Number of Nuisances reported to the Authority	4
do. abated after written notice	4
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New W.Cs. to replace old privies	2
Filthy W.Cs. cleaned	2
Choked W.C. cleared	1
New Privies provided	3
Filthy privies cleaned	-
Defective privies and privy pits put in order	5
Choked and defective drains cleared	10
Refuse bins not being kept properly and persons depositing refuse so that same may cause a nuisance	5
Persons warned for committing various other nuisances	5

In the St. Just Water and Sewerage Area there are not only 20 houses on the privy pit or bucket system.

The five Slaughter Houses and four Bakehouses in the area have been kept in a clean state.

(v) CAMPING SITES. No licenses were issued for camping sites by the local authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936.

(vii) There are no public swimming baths in the area.

(viii) ERADICATION OF PTD BUGS. No action was found to be required.

SCHOOLS. The Schools were kept in a clean and sanitary state during the year.

Section C. - Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Meat. Carcasses Inspected and Confirmed.

	Cows.	Calves	Sheep & Goats	Pigs.
Number Killed	625	30	259	920
Number Inspected	20	10	12	25

Section F. - Prevalence of and Control over,
Infections and Other Diseases.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Puerperal Pyrexia, seven cases of Pneumonia and two cases of Erysipelas were notified during the year. All the cases of Scarlet Fever were of a mild type. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever.

Influenza was prevalent in the early part of the year, and there were three deaths. Many of the cases were complicated by the occurrence of Otitis Media. These cleared up under treatment with no impairment of hearing.

Illness due to the Streptococcal Group of Diseases were prevalent in the Winter and Spring, such as Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas-Cellulitis, Otitis Media perhaps.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths.
Scarlet Fever	5	1	-
Pneumonia	7	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was taken under Section 176 of the Public Health Act 1936.

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths.	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	1	1	-
15-	-	-	2	-
25-	1	-	2	-
35-	-	-	1	-
45-	1	-	2	-
55-	-	-	2	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	7	-

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. Hadfield.
Medical Officer of Health.

